

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2021**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 11, 2021, via an authorized telecommunication device (Zoom).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

- ❖ Jerin and Megan Miller – 2437 Henry Road  
Mr. Junker announced an email was received on [bellacrespubliccomment@gmail.com](mailto:bellacrespubliccomment@gmail.com) from Jerin and Megan Miller. They presented several questions regarding their septic system - what options do they have for a failed system, are there plans to provide sewage to Henry Road, and what is the Borough doing to prevent unusable systems or unsafe waste disposal? An in-depth discussion took place whereas Council offered several suggestions to assist them in navigating through their situation.

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:20 p.m.

**COUNCIL**

- (X) Dave Renfrew - President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor- Vice President of Council
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Michelle Veeck
- (X) Greg Wagner
- (X) Megan Wine
- (X) Dennis Young

**MAYOR**

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

**BOROUGH ENGINEER**

- (X) Sandy Nelko – Shoup Engineering, Inc.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

**STAFF**

- (X) Lisa Fleming – Borough Manager/Secretary

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's Report for the month of December 2020 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2020, was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$151,153.56 out of the General Fund and \$21.03 out of the State Fund was made by Ms. Wine and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DROP PROGRAM**

Mr. Young asked if there was an update on the DROP Program. Mr. Renfrew stated he will press the actuaries for information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK**

No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY – DENNIS YOUNG**

**NEW POLICE VEHICLE QUOTES FROM COSTARS DEALERS**

Chief Korol presented Council with several written quotes for purchasing a new police vehicle from COSTARS Dealers. The vehicle quotes were reviewed and discussed by Council.

A motion to authorize the Chief of Police to finalize the purchase details of a Dodge Charger V6 AWD from a COSTARS Dealer in order to make a final purchase motion at the February 8, 2021, Council Meeting was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Abell. Yes – 6; No – 1. Vote 6-1. Motion carried.

**CHIEF OF POLICE PAY RATE**

A motion to increase the Chief of Police's pay rate for 2021 by two and a half percent (2.5%) consistent with the rate increase in the Full-Time Police Officers' Contract was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

**POLICE BODY CAMERAS**

Mr. Wagner inquired whether or not the Police Body Cameras were up and running. Sgt. Tresky stated the hardware has been received. The software is due to arrive on February 1, 2021. The roll-out of the cameras should be on February 2, 2021.

**PUBLIC WORKS – CHRIS ABELL**

**2021 MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

A motion to authorize Shoup Engineering, Borough Engineers, to begin the bidding process for the road work necessary to complete the 2021 portion of the Borough's 15-year Road Improvement Plan for no more than \$147,000.00; as per the approved 2021 Borough Budget line item for Major Road Improvements was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CHRISTMAS STORM**

Mr. Abell expressed his thanks to Mr. Bohn, Public Works Superintendent, for working vigorously throughout the Christmas storm. Two of our public works employees were absent and Mr. Bohn worked throughout the storm to keep the Borough safe. Mrs. Fleming also extended her appreciation to the Franklin Park Borough. Due to our crew being shorthanded during the storm, Franklin Park assisted us in snow removal and salting on Hopkins Church Road, Hunt Road, and Pleughal Road.

**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT**

Mr. Abell reported that the Public Works Contract will expire at the end of 2021.

**HITZEL HILL ROAD SLIDE**

Mr. Wagner requested that Mr. Shoup prepare and send another letter to the State regarding the road slide on Hitzel Hill Road. Mr. Wagner also suggested that a follow up discussion be held with State Representative Valerie Gaydos regarding the road's continuous deterioration. Our legitimate concerns are the location of our first responders departing from our Fire Hall at the bottom of Hitzel Hill, complicated by the fact of the ongoing legal implications surrounding the closure/landslide of Camp Meeting Road.

**PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – GREG WAGNER**

No Report

**GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – BROCK MEANOR**

**GEDF EXCAVATOR GRANT**

Mr. Meanor received an email from the project manager regarding the grant. They are preparing a contract form and insurance form for the Borough to complete.

**ZONING – MEGAN WINE**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD – NOTICE OF LAND USE APPEAL – 110 OAK LANE**

Mr. Junker summarized the dockets received for the Notice of Land Use Appeal of 110 Oak Lane. Mr. Junker stated the Borough will file a Notice of Intervention. This gives the Borough party status and will allow Bell Acres to participate in the status conference, settlement discussions, and briefing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01112021**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CLOSING OUT COMMUNITY CONSERVATOIN PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PROJECT (BRC-RCP-23-172).

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 01112021 to close out Allegheny Land Trust's Rivers Conservation & Stewardship Plan Grant Project (BCR-RCP-23-172) for the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01112021A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REAPPOINTING BRADLEY SEMONIK AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 01112021A reappointing Bradley Semonik to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF DWIGHT HOWES TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

A motion to reappoint Dwight Howes to the Bell Acres Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2026, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF KENNETH ALVANIA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

A motion to reappoint Kenneth Alvania to the Bell Acres Planning Commission for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2024, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN WALLISER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

A motion to reappoint John Walliser to the Bell Acres Planning Commission for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2024, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There are other items that should be noted but do not need action at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming  
Borough Manager/Secretary